

# Easter Newsletter 2021

Christ the Saviour NS  
Ballingarry



# Welcome!!

- We are all so happy to be back with our friends at school.
- We are keeping safe and working hard.
- Thanks to all the grown ups who helped us with distance learning.
- We hope you enjoy our newsletter.



# Message from Mrs Murphy

- It has been a hectic term since Christmas with a combination of online teaching/learning and our school reopening on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to welcome back our pupils. As usual, our pupils continue to do us proud. They have adapted once again to our strict Covid-19 prevention measures here within the school. Parents too, you have been wonderful in your continued support of the school and helping to keep both pupils and staff safe by following the new Public Health measures. We have seen a noticeable difference in the spread of general illness due to the 48hour monitoring period following illness or symptoms of illness. When we return for Term 3, following the Easter holidays, we will appreciate your continued diligence and support regarding these Public Health measures.



# Message from Mrs Murphy

- The school has installed two CO2 monitors in classrooms since our reopening. This is to monitor adequate air ventilation in the classroom. Data collected, since the installation, shows that the classrooms are getting plenty of fresh air and has allowed teachers to control the temperature of the classroom more effectively, so children are more comfortable and rooms are warmer.



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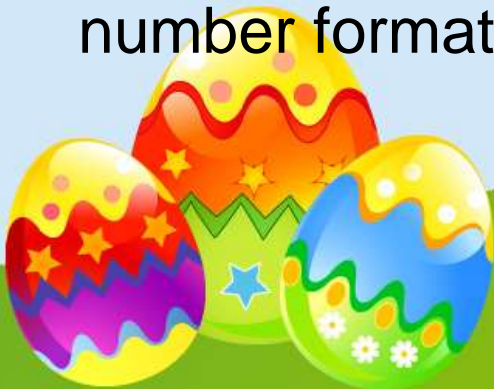
- I ask for your continued vigilance at drop off and collection times regarding social distancing, not congregating to chat to others, wearing your masks and not arranging playdates where children are mixing with other households during this time of Level 5 restrictions.
- On behalf of all the staff, we wish you, our pupils and their families a fun filled, safe and happy Easter holidays. We hope to welcome everyone back for Term 3 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 9am.

Mrs Murphy



# Junior Infants

- Junior Infants have done a great job settling back into school life.
- We have been learning all about Spring Time and St. Patrick. We really enjoy wrapping up and spending time outdoors.
- We have done PE, Gaeilge, SESE and even some maths outside.
- Here are some pictures of us outside practising our number formation.



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# Senior Infants

- Senior Infants are so happy to be back at school! We really missed each other during the school closure.
- We have been very busy learning all about spring over the last two weeks.
- We made some beautiful daffodils and we learned about all the different things that plants need to grow.



# Senior Infants



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- We have also been learning about report writing since we came back to school.
- We wrote a report about spring and we also wrote a report on snails. We learned where they live, what they eat and what they look like. Here we are holding up our reports based on snails.



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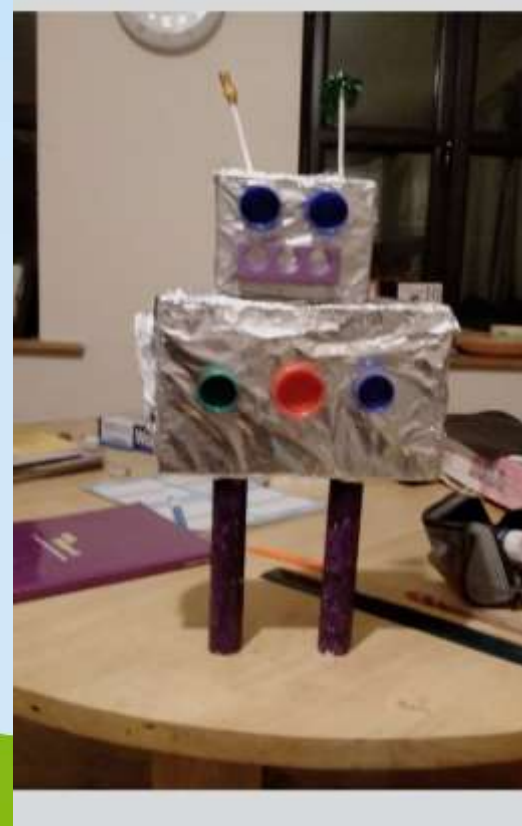
- First Class were kept busy at home taking part in STEM challenges during the school closure. They were given a task for each week during the month of February.
- Some of the challenges included using household items to stack a tall tower, build a boat that floats and build a robot from recycled materials.



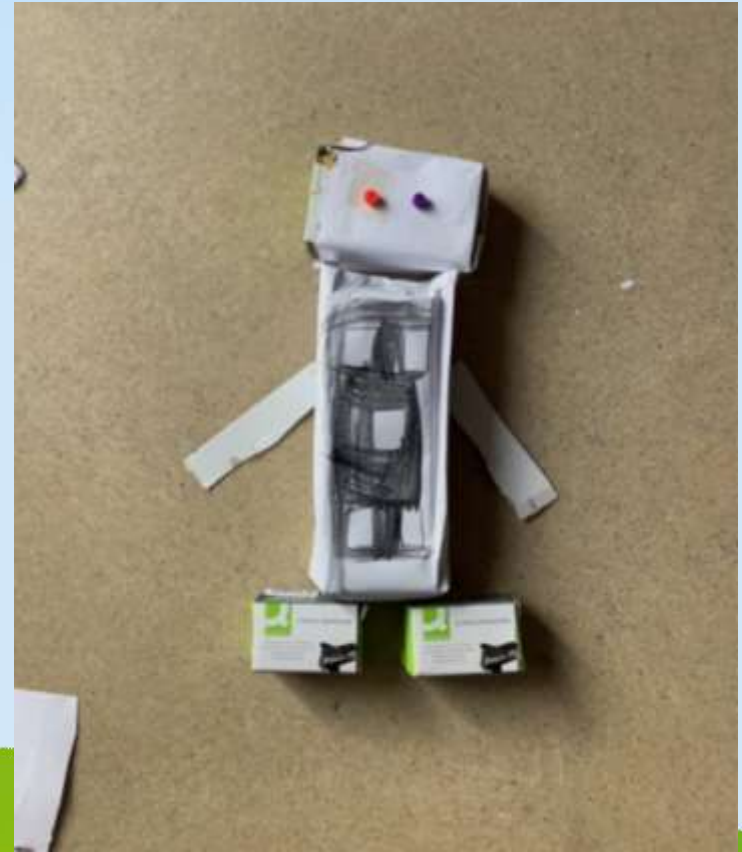
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Guess the Baby

- First class took part in an online zoom Guess the Baby game during the school closure. Each member of first class sent in a photo of themselves as babies and we had great fun guessing who each baby was.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Mother's Day

- First Class prepared lovely cards for the special women in their lives. They wrote lovely messages thanking them for all the things their Mams, Aunts, Grandmothers, and sisters do for them.



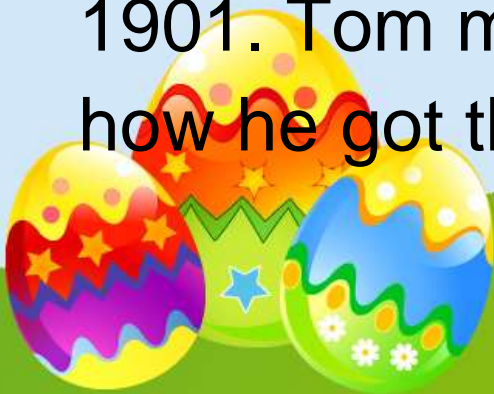
# 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Tom Crean

- First Class began to discover and learn about some famous Irish Explorers.
- They learned that Tom Crean was born in Dingle in Co Kerry and made three separate voyages to the South Pole over a hundred years ago.
- He joined Ernest Shackleton, another Irish explorer on board a ship called the Endurance which tried to reach the South Pole too.
- First class are busy writing reports on these two explorers.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Tom Crean

- Here is a report that First Class wrote about The Life of Tom Crean
- Tom Crean was born in Dingle in Co. Kerry. His parents were farmers. He had five brothers and five sisters. He left school at twelve years old. He joined the navy at fifteen. He joined Robert Scott on board a ship called The Discovery in 1901. Tom made three trips to Antarctica. This is how he got the nickname Iceman.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Gratitude Diaries

- Every morning, First Class take five minutes out of their day to write down three things they are grateful for in their gratitude diaries. This is a great way to start the day with a big smile on your face. First Class are very grateful to be back in school with all their friends.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - STEAM

- STEAM stands for Science Technology Engineering Art Maths. These activities encourage pupils to think creatively about how to solve problems.
- One of our activities was The Egg Drop Challenge. Each group got the same materials and had to design a protective container for their egg. Some eggs unfortunately didn't make it but great fun was had!!
- Our next challenge, in honour of St Patrick's Day, was to build a rainbow that held up a pot of gold. Each pupil had to be as creative as they could, with just 1 sheet of card. They all did a fantastic job!



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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Spring has Sprung!

- Spring has sprung in 2<sup>nd</sup> class. We have created crazy daisies and planted a wildflower garden.
- Wildflowers are often considered to be weeds but they are vital to the survival of our bees and butterflies. Please think about leaving a patch of wildflowers in your garden to give these small creatures a helping hand.
- We hope our flowers grow soon!



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class – Collaborative Art

During our 1<sup>st</sup> week back to school, we carried out a collaborative art piece. We really enjoyed seeing all our individual parts come together to make 1 large rainbow.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Class – Picasso Style Rabbits



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class – World Book Day

As part of world book week, we dressed up on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of March in our homes. Can you guess what book characters some of us are?



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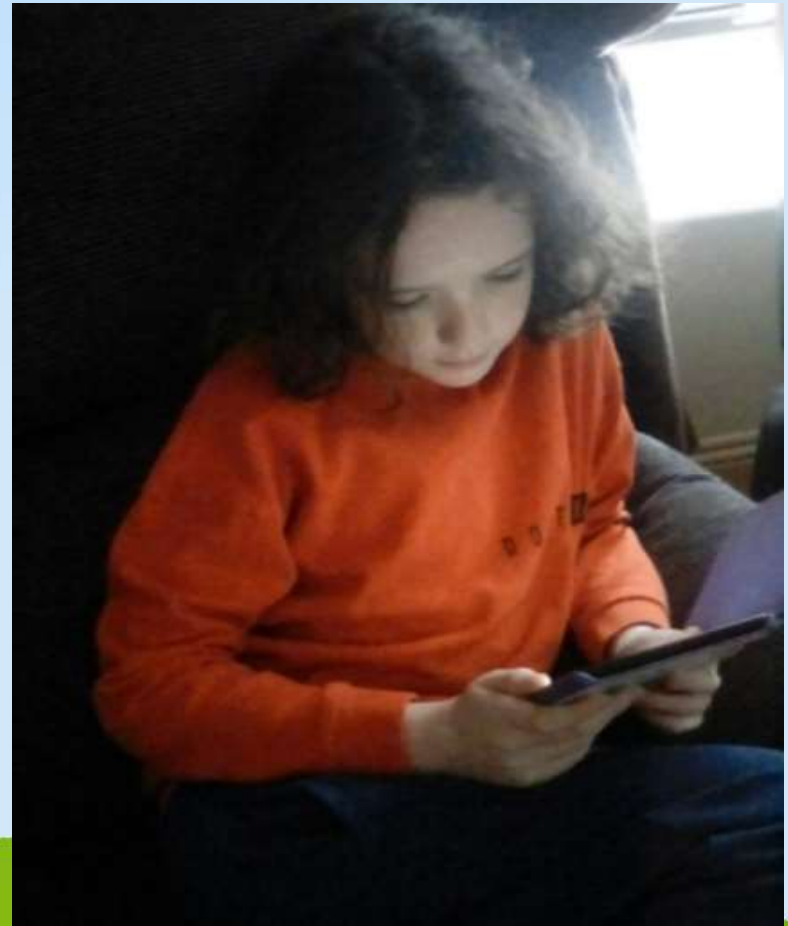


# 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

- Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March was world book day and to celebrate the pupils in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class focused on enjoying reading for their literacy work.
- The pupils shared their favourite books and reading spots on SeeSaw and as you can see we had a great variety. There were books, magazines, audio books, newspapers and even a kindle.
- There were also some unusual reading spots including the park and the shed.



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## 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Lockdown Bake Off!

The pupils had been learning about weight in maths and we thought it would be a great idea to use our maths in real life. Cooking is a fantastic way to improve our understanding of mathematical language. The children had to bake something and make sure the recipe involved measure and a scales. There were so many wonderful entries from flan and scones to delicious cookies. Here are some pictures of our young chefs.





# 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - STEAM

At the start of term 2 the weather got very cold and Ballingarry even got some snow. The poor birds find it difficult to find food at this time of the year so the pupils decided to make some bird feeders for their gardens. The pupils showed great ingenuity and came up with functioning and effective bird feeders. We hope the children continue to look after their environment in term 3.



## 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Perspective Photography

We had great fun using the materials we had at home to create wonderful art during the school closure. The pupils learned all about forced perspective on their class Zoom and then followed an tutorial online to create wonderful images. It was great to see the creativity of the pupils flourish and lots of siblings and parents got involved in the fun too.





## 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Hailey!

Hailey came to Ireland from South Africa and joined Christ the Saviour NS for Term 2.

Hailey is in 4<sup>th</sup> class and started her school experience learning online. It was wonderful to finally meet her in person in March and she has settled in very well with her peers. We are so lucky to have you Hailey and we hope you enjoy your experience in our school.



# 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Happy to be Back!

- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are incredibly happy to be back in school and have been working really hard since they returned to the classroom. We have been enjoying sitting in our new seats, seeing our friends, getting out on yard and learning lots.
- We were delighted to see that the flowers we planted before Christmas are blooming nicely, adding some colour to our school yard.



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# 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - PE

One thing that we were especially excited for was being able to be active again with our friends. The weather has also been good enough to allow us do some P.E lessons on the grass.

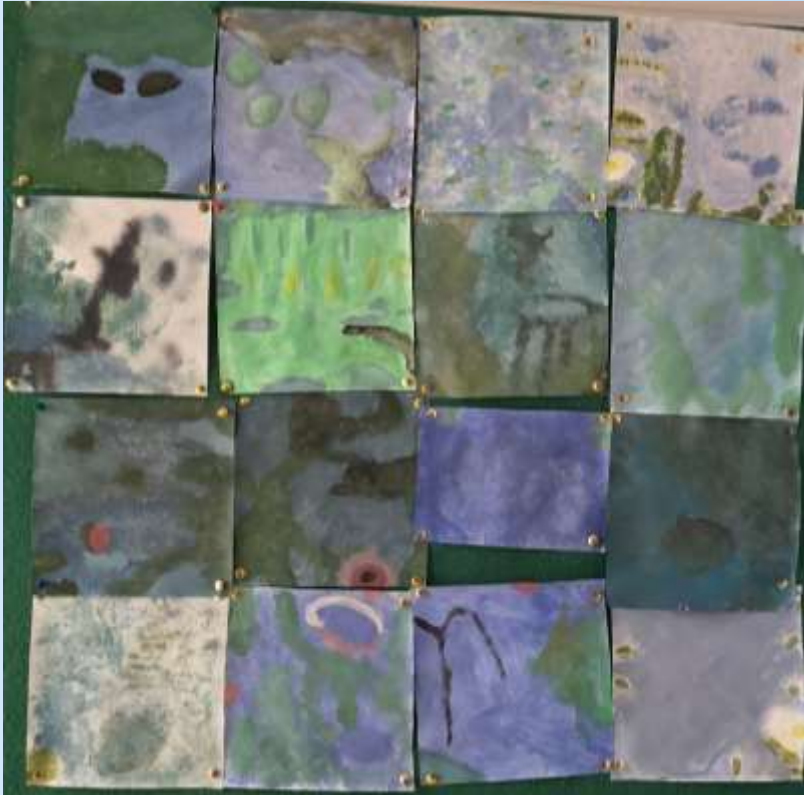


# 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - Art

- We looked at some of the paintings created by the Impressionist painters and examined the style of painting they used.
- We each got our own part of a Claude Monet painting to re-create. When they were all finished and dried Lydia, Adam, Jack and Damien pieced them together like a jigsaw to form our own collaborative Monet painting.
- We worked on our skills of colour mixing, layering and applying the dapping technique to make our masterpiece.

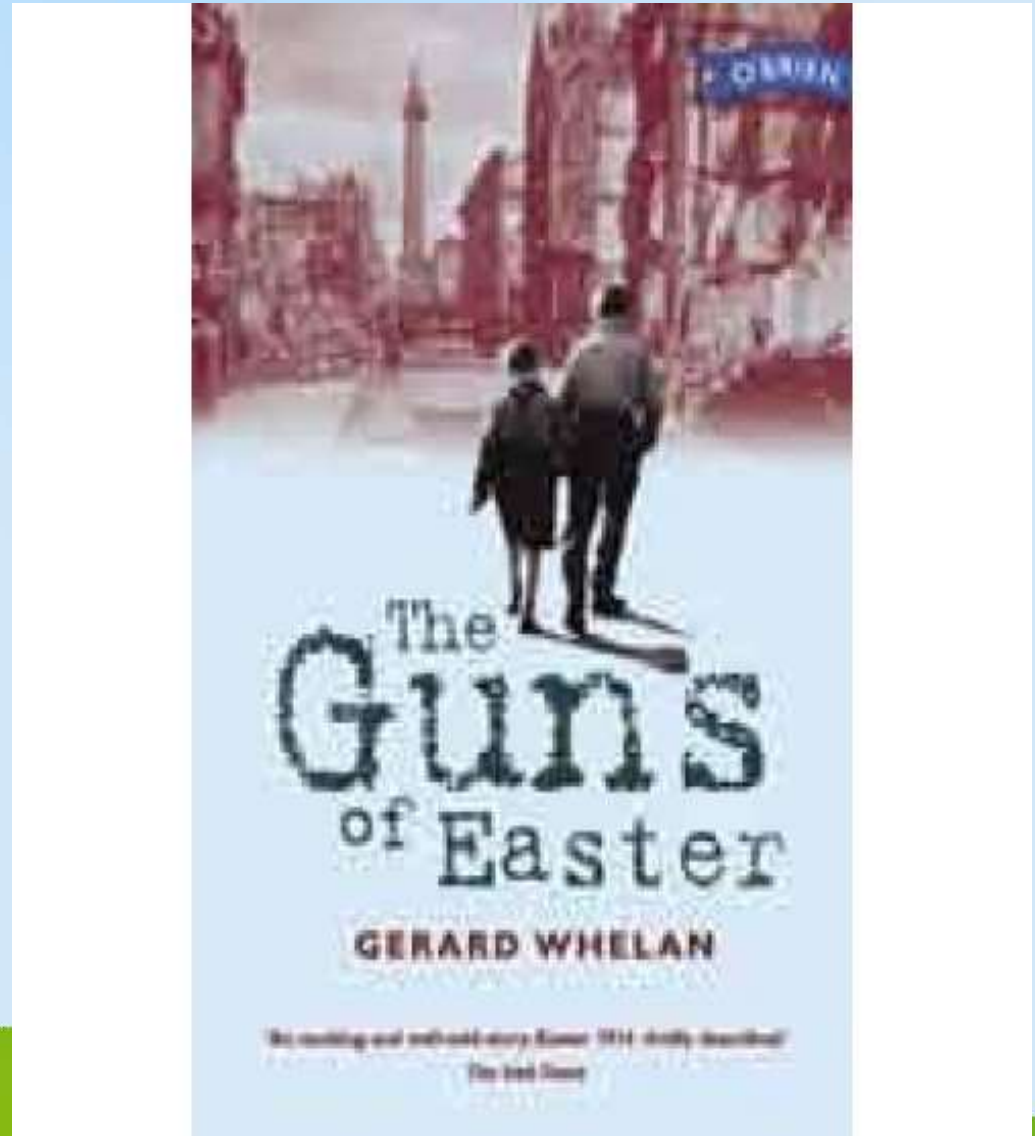


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## 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - History

In class we have been learning about the 1916 Rising and the War of Independence. We have also been covering the novel 'The Guns of Easter' which tells the story of a young boy growing up in Dublin during the time of the Rising. It is a great book that is helping us to understand what it was like to live in Ireland at this time.



# Seachtain na Gaeilge

- Bhí an spórt againn ag céiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge.
- Bhíomar ag úsáid an Gaeilge I rith Eálaín, PE agus abhair eile.
- Comhgairdeas do na Cainteoirí na Seachtaine!



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# Parents' Council

- Greetings to all the parents/guardians of the pupils in our school from the Parents' Council. Welcome back to all the pupils and teachers after the unexpected break since Christmas. We trust that everyone is keeping safe and adhering to the guidelines. Once again, we, the Parents' Council, wish to extend our gratitude for everyone's contribution to our Clothes Drive back in November. We raised €540!!! We hope to organise another Clothes Drive closer to the end of the next term so keep filling those bags! Aside from this we have no other news to share. On behalf of the Parents' Council we wish everyone a Happy and healthy Easter. Hope the Easter Bunny is generous to one and all.

Kind regards,  
Aisling Relihan,  
Secretary/PRO Parents' Council.



# GAA Fundraiser

- [Granagh Ballingarry GAA - 48 Hour Relay](#) will take place from 26th to 28th of March.
- Moneys raised will go towards Granagh / Ballingarry GAA (50%), Granagh National School (25%) and Ballingarry National School (25%).
- We encourage all people, both near and far, to get involved by getting out for a walk / run for one hour anytime over the weekend
- Post your pics online, tag Granagh / Ballingarry GAA and use the hashtag: #GB48
- Click on this link to view the fundraiser and make a donation if possible <https://gofund.me/8eda06a5>



# Happy Easter Everyone!!

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